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1.(SBU) Ambassador made reftel demarche Sept. 22 to Djiboutian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Ali Youssef urging recognition of Kosovo prior to UNGA. Youssef asked how many countries had already recognized Kosovo and appeared favorably surprised to learn there were 62. Commenting that Djibouti rarely takes the lead on international issues but rather "joins the consensus eventually," Youssef assured Ambassador that it is "just a matter of time" before Djibouti also recognized Kosovo. He declined to predict, however, when that would be.  
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